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Thursday, October 24, 2019

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

International Coffee Hour Every Thursday!

Free coffee, tea and refreshments every Thursday from 3-4 during our International Coffee Hour. Our goal is to bring people together, share event information, and spread awareness of the international community on campus. October 31 there will be pumpkin carving!

International Student Association Meeting October 24

ISA will be having its general meeting on Thursday, October 24 at 7 pm in the College Eye Room of Maucker Union.

International Students in Business Bonfire October 25

The International Students in Business are having a bonfire on Friday, October 25 at 6 pm at the Wesley Foundation, 2422 College Street, Cedar Falls. Free food and drinks.

Graduation Fair November 6

The [Graduation Fair](#) is an event that provides graduating students the opportunity to meet with a variety of offices on campus in one centralized location to make the graduation process more convenient. Students that will be graduating at the end of the term are encouraged to attend in order to be prepared for graduation and commencement. Held on November 6 from 10 am - 4 pm in the Maucker Union Ballroom.

Ukulele Club

The UNI Ukulele Club meets every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm in Room 068, Russell Hall. Ukuleles are provided. No experience necessary.

Be a Buddy for Spectrum Project

Applications are now being accepted for the Be a Buddy for Spectrum Project. The project combines music, drama, movement and art for children with different abilities. Find more information and [apply online](#).

Research Survey on How International Students Conduct Research

Chris Doll, library director at the University of Dubuque is asking you to participate in research on how international students conduct research and use library resources. You can get to this survey by clicking [survey](#). As an incentive to participate in the survey participants will be drawn at random to receive an Amazon gift card. The winners will be contacted via email. You have until October 25 to submit your answers. It should take approximately 15-25 minutes for you to complete the survey.

The Learning Center at Rod Library

All students are encouraged to use The Learning Center @ Rod Library for assistance with writing, math, science, and college reading and learning strategies. Beginning week two, The Learning Center (TLC) operates on a walk-in basis and is open 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday through Thursday. For more information, go to <https://tlc.uni.edu/tutoring>, email TheLearningCenter@uni.edu, call 319-273-6023, or visit the TLC desk located on the main floor of Rod Library. If you are unable to come in during normal tutoring hours, online tutoring is available through Smarthinking. You will need your CATID and passphrase to gain access. To access the Smarthinking platform go to <https://tlc.uni.edu/schedule>.

IMMIGRATION

Optional Practical Training (OPT) for Eligible F-1 Students

If you hold F-1 status and you are planning to graduate in December 2019, now is the perfect time to think about applying for Optional Practical Training as you are probably eligible for this 12 month period of employment authorization within the U.S. See our web site for more information about OPT: <https://isso.uni.edu/optional-practical-training-opt>

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

International Student Support Group

International Student Support Group starts on September 16 and will meet every Monday from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Student Health Center, 2nd floor. The International Student Support Group allows international students to share their experiences with others who can understand and relate to their concerns. To learn more about the group, you can consult a counselor by calling or walking into the counseling center from 8 am-4 pm, no appointment required. Contact 319-273-2676, Student Health Center, 2nd floor.

Free Ballroom/Swing Dance Lessons

What better way to try something new than FREE dance lessons! Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the Wellness and Recreation Center Room 87! Email [UNI Ballroom/Swing](#) for more information.

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